

M'LEOD IS FREED,
CRAWFORD AND
HUNT SENTENCED

Trial of Three Men in Connection With Boston Suit Case Affair Ended With Release of Doctor And Imprisonment of Others.

DENIALS PRESENTED
BY THE PHYSICIAN

Says He Performed One Operation On The Chorus Girl In Endeavor to Save Her Life But Did Not Dismember the Body.

Boston, Dec. 2.—The jury in the case of Dr. Percy McLeod, charged with being an accessory after the death of Susan Geary, the suit case victim, this morning brought in a verdict of not guilty, and the prisoner was discharged. The jury took the case at 4:45 yesterday afternoon. Judge Stevens instructed them to seal the verdict if they should reach one last night and present it this morning.

Judge Stevens delivered his charge to the jury late yesterday afternoon. Dr. McLeod was the most interested listener in the court room to the charge of Judge Stevens to the jury. He scanned the face of each juror as the words fell from the judge's lips, but with all maintained his wonderful composure and coolness.

While District Attorney Sughrue delivered his address to the jury he frequently pointed to Dr. McLeod, accused the defendant of committing the crime of cutting up the body. Under this ordeal the young doctor did not flinch.

In the early part of his testimony Dr. McLeod had emphatically denied that he cut up the body of the girl before it was placed in the suit cases and tossed into Boston harbor.

"Did you dismember the girl's body?" Lawyer Ayres asked, looking the witness squarely in the face.

"No," replied Dr. McLeod in a voice that was very firm and a little louder than he had been speaking.

In a manner that was free from excitement the doctor asserted that all he had to do with the case was the performance of the operation of laparotomy, which was the only hope of saving the girl's life. He declared that he had never been at the Bishop office on Tremont street, where it was testified he was seen receiving money once a week, and that he had never been connected in any way with that place.

While the trial of Dr. McLeod was in progress yesterday, Wm. H. Stanford, a witness for the defense, was arrested on the charge of being a fugitive of justice from Philadelphia. It is alleged that under the name of Reagan the man was arrested in connection with the ballot box frauds in Philadelphia and was held in bonds of \$1,500 for trial. The case was called last Tuesday, and Stanford, or Reagan is alleged to have defied the court. Stanford is the husband of Mrs. Grace Ashland Stanford, who also testified that William E. Hunt had told her when any patients died he cut up the bodies. She was called by the defense in the trial of Dr. Percy G. McLeod, charged with being an accessory in the case of the death of Susanna Geary. Mrs. Stanford declared Hunt, who pleaded guilty in the present case as an accessory, was known in Philadelphia as "Dr. Roberts" and lived in her mother's house nearly a year. The witness identified a picture of Mrs. Mary S. Dean, wanted as principal in the case of Miss Geary's death, as that of the woman who had posed as the wife of Hunt in Philadelphia at the time when the latter was known as Dr. Roberts. After Dr. McLeod had completed his testimony a few witnesses were called in rebuttal and then counsel proceeded with their arguments.

Crawford and Hunt Sentenced.

Later Lewis W. Crawford and William E. Hunt, alias Howard, who had pleaded guilty to being accessories after the fact in the same case, were called to the bar and Judge Stevens sentenced each to from six to seven years in state prison.

RELATIVES AT WINDSOR.

Mother and Sister of Mary Rogers Arrived Yesterday.

Windsor, Dec. 2.—Mrs. Johanna Callahan and daughter, Catherine, mother and sister of Mary Rogers, of Hosiok Falls, N. Y., arrived here yesterday afternoon and expect to visit the condemned woman in her cell at the prison. It is thought the mother may urge the choice of the clergyman who will accompany Mrs. Rogers to the gallows. Prison Directors A. E. Cudworth of South Londonderry and F. B. Pier of Jamaica were at the prison yesterday making their regular quarterly inspection. They are attending to regular business only.

17 FOR HEARST.

Net Gain in Four Districts As Shown Last Night.

New York, Dec. 2.—The opening of four ballot boxes and the recounting of the ballots was finished last night before Justice Amend. The net result was a gain of 17 votes in the four districts for Hearst, all of these being gained in three districts and one of the districts was found to be correct as far as the accredited votes for the three candidates was concerned.

The opening of the fifth ballot box, that of the second election district of the sixth assembly district, was put off by consent of counsel for several days. In this district, on the affidavit of a Jerome watcher on election day it is alleged that there are 31 protested ballots in the box that were counted for McClellan.

Under Justice Amend's amended order as signed yesterday these ballots cannot be taken from the box or passed upon by a justice as to their validity so an appeal will be taken next week to the appellate division of the supreme court asking for a ruling as to the right of the Hearst counsel to protest these ballots on the recount, and have them passed upon by Justice Giegehrich.

The second feature of the recount was the number of ballots found that had been counted that should have been thrown out as void in the various districts in which the count was found to be correct, the total election of the second assembly district, it was claimed by the Hearst attorneys that they found 51 void McClellan ballots and seven Hearst void ballots.

PROMINENT PHYSICIAN
CHARGED WITH MURDER

Wife of Dr. J. B. Matthews of Greensboro, N. C. Died Last Night, After Suffering Terribly for 12 Hours.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 2.—J. B. Matthews, a well known physician, was arrested here last night on a warrant charging him with the murder of his wife, who died last night after suffering excruciating agony for more than twelve hours. The warrant was issued by Mayor Murphy. Her death according to Dr. J. P. Turner, the coroner, who was called to her bedside, resulted from a dose of strychnine, followed by a portion of morphine which Coroner Turner alleges was administered to the woman by her husband.

Dr. Matthews was arrested at midnight. He maintains that while he prescribed for his wife he did so in the hope of alleviating her pain.

OFFICIAL TRANSFER.

H. K. Darling Takes Up Duties of Orange County Clerk.

Chelsea, Dec. 2.—The resignation of Hon. Curtis S. Emery as clerk of Orange county and the appointment of Hale K. Darling to fill the vacancy were officially received and made yesterday. In tendering his resignation, Col. Emery terminates a faithful and efficient incumbency covering a period of ten consecutive years, during which many changes and improvements have been made in and about the county clerk's office, at his suggestion and instigation, which renders the office a model of convenience and accommodations for transacting business.

NINE PERSONS PERISH
IN ROARING FURNACE

Boat on Middle River Destroyed by Fire Yesterday and All Crew Except Negro Steward Lost Their Lives.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 2.—Nine persons, whose names are not yet known occupying a "pull" boat on Middle river, which runs between Tennessee and Alabama rivers, burned to death yesterday in a fire which destroyed the boat, Sidney Wheat, the negro steward, was the only survivor of ten men on the boat. The crackling of burning timbers warning him in time, he jumped into the river and recovered just as the boat collapsed.

Stewart and Butt, owners of the boat, say there has been no fire on the boat for three days. According to Wheat's story the nine men were dumped into a roaring furnace, while some of them were asleep. They roasted alive. The boat was used by men who were engaged in getting logs out of narrow places, for rafting purposes.

POISONING SUSPECTED.

Denver Reynolds of Pittsfield Dropped Dead on Reaching Home.

Pittsfield, Dec. 2.—An autopsy was performed yesterday afternoon by Dr. L. M. Greene of Bethel on the body of Denver Reynolds who died suddenly Wednesday night, on reaching home after a time spent with companions. Wood alcohol is suspected as the cause of death. The stomach and brains were sent to the state laboratory for examination. Reynolds leaves a wife and two children, a boy aged 9 and a girl aged two years.

COURT MARTIAL ENDED.

No Information About the Findings Against Meriwether.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 2.—The court martial in the case of Midshipman Meriwether, Jr., who was tried on the charge of manslaughter for causing the death of Midshipman James R. Branch, Jr., in a fist fight, completed its work late yesterday afternoon and adjourned.

No information was given out as to the findings of the court. The proceedings and record in the case will be forwarded to the president and will be announced from there.

MANY LOST
IN COLLISION

Unknown Steamer Sank Off Dungeness Today.

SEVEN PERSONS RESCUED

The British Steamer Phillipville Ran Into Her and the Unknown Boat Went to Bottom With Almost the Whole Crew.

London, Dec. 2.—A number of lives are believed to have been lost as the result of a collision between steamers off Dungeness early this morning. The British steamer Phillipville bound from the Congo river for Antwerp collided with an unknown steamer, and the latter went to the bottom. Only seven persons were rescued.

DOWN WITH STEAMER.

Fearful That Nineteen Lives Were Lost on Lake Superior.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—It is believed that the steel steamer Ira H. Owen has been wrecked and that its crew of 19 men is drowned. The ship was last seen on Tuesday, 40 miles from Outer Island, in Lake Superior. The Chicago owners have given up all hope for the vessel. The Owen's captain was Joseph Mulligan of Buffalo.

The latest tidings of the Owen were brought into Ashland, Wis., yesterday by Captain Chamberlain of the steamer Sir William Siemens. Captain Chamberlain reported that at ten o'clock Thursday when 12 miles east of Michigan island, wreckage apparently from the Owen was seen. Floating in the midst of the wreckage were several life preservers marked "S. S. Ira H. Owen."

Capt. J. G. Keith, manager of the Owen, last night admitted that all hope was apparently gone.

"I do not understand what could have happened to the Owen," he said. "She had a cargo of 116,000 bushels of barley, which was a light load for the ship." The Ira H. Owen was built in Cleveland in 1887. She was insured for \$100,000. Her cargo of barley was also insured.

CHARGED WITH EXTORTION.

Four Walking Delegates Arrested in New York Last Night.

New York, Dec. 2.—Four walking delegates were arrested last night in a saloon at 120th street and Third avenue, charged with having extorted \$350 from Morris Jacobson and upon its receipt promising to call off a strike declared last Saturday on three flat buildings being erected by Joseph Jacobson, son of the complainant. The prisoners are John Kingston, a boss mason; Luke A. Burke and James J. Galvin, delegates of the bricklayers union, and James Doyle, a delegate of the hod carriers' union. The charge against them is extortion.

FARMER AND MILLER
IS A BANKRUPT

Frank B. Howe of Jericho Has Liabilities of \$35,348.90 and Assets Which Are Considerably Below That Figure.

Burlington, Dec. 2.—A petition in bankruptcy was filed yesterday by Frank B. Howe, a farmer and miller of Jericho. He has liabilities of \$35,348.90, of which \$19,500 is secured and \$15,808.90 are unsecured, the remainder being due in wages. His assets are \$20,596.26, of which \$13,500 are in real estate. He claims \$1,170 exempt.

BREACH OF CONTRACT.

A "Faust" Company Kept Audience Waiting Two Hours.

Enosburgh Falls, Dec. 2.—A company which was billed to play "Faust" at the local opera house last night kept the audience waiting for two hours and then announced there would be no performance. The manager was arrested for breach of contract at the instance of the E. K. Kendall company, owner of the house, and it is understood that the company's baggage was attached.

The trouble is said to have arisen among the players. Two of them demanded \$10 in addition to a share of the proceeds of the performance. As they didn't get it they refused to play, and there were no understudies to take their parts. The company was about to disband, at any rate, so it is said.

SUES FOR \$6,000.

Rutland Street Railroad Company Is the Defendant.

Rutland, Dec. 2.—B. L. Stafford, administrator of the Richard I. Wallace estate, of Afr Haven, has brought suit for \$6,000, against the Rutland street railway company for negligence. Wallace was run over and killed by a trolley car in this city August 2nd.

HIS ELECTION ADDRESS.

John Redmond Talked to His Constituents at Waterford, Ireland.

Waterford, Ireland, Dec. 2.—John Redmond, leader of the nationalist party, addressing his constituents here last night, said that his speech was practically his election address, for he believed that they were on the eve of a general election and that the life of the govern-

NOT YET OPERATIVE.

Tax on Patent Medicines Goes Into Effect April 1, 1906.

Burlington, Dec. 2.—Notice has been given to internal revenue collector H. Clay Gleason, that the tax on patent medicine will not go into effect on retail dealer's stock until April 1, 1906.

Commissioner Yerkes has issued a circular in which he says: "By reason of the care given in making analyses of these compounds the office has been unable to complete the examination of all such compounds now upon the market. However, it has made analyses of the following preparations and finds that they are within the terms of the ruling of September 12, 1905: Alwood's La Grippe Specific, Cuban Gingers, De Witt's Stomach Bitters, Dr. Bouvier's Buchu Gin, Dr. Flower's Meat and Malt, Duffy's Malt Whiskey, Gilbert's Rejuvenating Iron and Herb Juice, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, Kuros, Peruna, Rockandy Cough Cure."

The date first set for the tax to go into effect was yesterday, but manufacturers and wholesale druggists protested that it would be an injustice to them to tax the large stocks which they had on hand, purchased with knowledge that such a tax would be laid.

The order was then changed to become effective against manufacturers on January 1, 1906, and against retail druggists on April 1, 1906.

CUBAN ELECTIONS

WERE RATHER QUIET

Moderates Had a Clear Field Through the Withdrawal of the Liberals as a Protest Against Government.

Havana, Dec. 2.—The political agitation which began six months ago with the national convention of the liberal party and which has dwindled since the withdrawal of General Jose Miguel Gomez, the presidential candidate named by the convention, ended yesterday in an election that was quiet and uninteresting.

The vote cast was light, this being due to the lack of interest in the wholly one-sided election and recent heavy rains.

The withdrawal of the liberals from all nominations as a protest against alleged injustices by the government and the people in conducting the primaries left a clear field for the moderates and every moderate nominee was elected from President Palmer to the provincial councilors.

The only liberals who will have seats in the new congress, which opens in April, will be the hold-overs from the old congress, and consequently only a third of the senate and a fifth of the house will be composed of members of that party.

The senate will have 14 moderates, one liberal nationalist or Nunez follower, and nine liberals. Included with the latter, however, are four so-called independents, who may or may not vote with the liberals. The house will have 12 liberals, eight liberal nationalists, forty-one moderates and three independents of moderate tendencies.

Governor Nunez of Havana province, who, after he failed to receive the liberal nomination for the presidency, joined the forces of the Palmer party in ousting the liberals from the Havana city and provincial offices, was of course, re-elected.

POISONED BY CANDY.

Two Randolph Girls Became Sick and One Died.

Randolph, Dec. 2.—The community was saddened yesterday on learning of the death of Eula, the eight years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walcott, who lives on Prospect avenue. Miss Eula attended school Wednesday and appeared to be in her usual good health. Wednesday evening she was taken very suddenly ill and died Thursday night. During her short illness she suffered intense agony and had several spells of convulsions. The cause of her death was potomania poisoning. It is thought by the girl's parents that the poisoning was due to the candy which the child ate. It is known that the child purchased one cent's worth of candy, which was shared with her playmate, Helen Ramsey, daughter of Mrs. Harry Chase, and that the little Ramsey girl was also ill Wednesday evening, but her illness was nothing serious. As yet no action has been taken by the health officer to determine the cause of the death.

WAS NOT DROWNED.

West Dummerston Man, Missing Since March 31, Heard from.

Battleboro, Dec. 2.—Thomas H. McVeigh, who disappeared March 31, was heard from yesterday in a letter to his wife, mailed in New York. McVeigh was night engineer of the Battleboro Gas Light Co.'s plant in West Dummerston. It was supposed that he fell into West river during a freshet and was drowned, as the machinery was running when the day engineer went to work the next morning.

MAY ATTEND EXECUTION

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Deputy Sheriff J. Edward Ward has been invited by Sheriff H. H. Peck of Windsor county to attend the execution of Mary M. Rogers, who is condemned to be hanged at the state prison next Friday, December 8. The invitation is a bit of pastboard reading as follows: State of Vermont, Windsor county, SS. Admit J. E. Ward, deputy sheriff, to execution of Mary M. Rogers, State prison, Windsor.

Between one and two p. m. Henry H. Peck, sheriff, Windsor county, Deputy Ward is not yet decided whether he will attend or not. So far as known, no other deputies in this vicinity have been invited to be present.

PULP MILL BURNS.

One Hundred Men Out of Employment at Glens Falls, N. Y.

Glens Falls, N. Y., Dec. 2.—Pulp mill No. 1 of the United Bag and Paper company at Sandy Hill was burned this morning, the loss being \$100,000. One hundred men are out of employment.

ARMY AND NAVY
AT PRINCETON

Great Outpouring to Witness Foot Ball Game.

THE PRESIDENT IS THERE

Nearly 30,000 Tickets Disposed of — Great Crowds Coming from Neighboring Cities by Special Train.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 2.—The great hold which football has upon the sport loving people of the United States, notwithstanding the attacks which have been made on the game recently, was well illustrated today, with the assembling of thousands to witness the annual battle between the army and navy teams. Hundreds poured into the city by special trains from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, and other cities added their thousands to the crowd. Nearly 30,000 tickets have been disposed of and many, who came late, were disappointed in not being able to secure seats.

Much interest centered in the fact that President Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt, Secretary of War Taft and other officials from Washington were to attend.

GOVERNMENT COES
TO FOOTBALL GAME

Special Bearing Presidential Party Left Washington This Morning to Take in the Army and Navy Game.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The government foot ball special, bearing the President and members of his family, the British ambassador, Secretaries Root and Taft, Admiral Dewey, "Fighting" Bob Evans and a large number of army and navy officers and minor government officials with their ladies, pulled out of the Pennsylvania station at eight o'clock this morning, bound for Princeton, where the annual contest between the eleven of the military and naval academies was to be held this afternoon. There were three parties aboard, the president and his personal guests, the secretary of war and army, and guests, and Assistant Secretary of the Navy-Newberry and his guests. Secretary Bonaparte was unable to attend.

The train consisted of six coaches. It will run on a special fast schedule, and will arrive at Princeton shortly after two o'clock. Luncheon will be served aboard.

CROWD OF 50,000
WITNESSES THIS GAME

New Zealand and All-England Foot Ball Elevens Met Today in London on the Crystal Palace Gridiron.

London, Dec. 2.—Seats for this afternoon's foot ball game between New Zealand team and the all-England team were selling at \$25 above the usual price. There was enormous interest in the game and crowds are coming in from all parts of England to witness it. It is expected that at least fifty thousand persons will surround the gridiron at Crystal Palace.

The New Zealand team won easily by the score of 15 to 0.

TO TALK FOOT BALL.

Coach Reid of Harvard Leaves for the White House.

Boston, Dec. 2.—William T. Reid, Jr., head coach of the Harvard football team, left here for New York last night. Today he will see that West Point and Annapolis camp at Princeton.

The chief object of Mr. Reid's trip, however, is to confer with President Roosevelt concerning the football situation. This conference it is understood will be held either Sunday or Monday at the White House.

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

Ellen Josephine Grout to Dr. S. M. Knauss, Both of Montpelier.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Grout of Montpelier announce the engagement of their daughter, Ellen Josephine, to Dr. Samuel Mansfield Knauss, a well known osteopath of Montpelier. The marriage will take place at Trinity church in this city on December 14, at eight o'clock. Miss Grout has been a stenographer in the National Life Insurance company's office.

Granite City Lodge, Odd Ladies, M. U., will meet in K. of C. hall, Monday, Dec. 4th, 7 p. m. Nomination of officers.

WORK OF THE FEDERATION.

Requires Funds and They Propose to Raise Money by Having Sale.

With the opening of the winter season the Civic Federation is planning its work for the coming year. In the year about closing the usual responsibilities of the federation have been met. These include the care of the park, the contributions to the Boys' Club, the maintenance of the sewing school and the support of the district nurse. The two last mentioned objects are deserving special mention. The school has proved of much benefit to the girls who gather there every Saturday afternoon, and who thus learn much besides needle craft. In the support of the district nurse the federation feels that great good is being done. Our physicians have expressed their appreciation of having a skilled nurse at hand in the many cases where her timely and efficient service has done much toward the comfort and recovery of the patient. In the last 11 months Miss Matson has made 991 calls.

To meet the expense of these branches of its work the federation has for several years given a more or less elaborate entertainment, continuing four or five consecutive evenings. From a financial standpoint they have been signally successful, but the outlay of time and strength by those connected with them has been very great. The thing most to be regretted about this kind of entertainment is the demand it makes upon the children in the middle of the school years. The way and means committees are most anxious to meet the federation expenses this year in some other way, and to this end they ask the co-operation of everyone interested in the welfare of our city whose betterment is the sole object of the federation.

This committee proposes to begin work by holding a rummage sale Dec. 8th and 9th in the store occupied by the gas company, Main street, opposite Depot Square. Contributions of clothing of all kinds, underwear, millinery, all sorts of household articles, books, magazines, etc., are solicited. It will be impossible for the committee to personally solicit these articles, therefore they ask that the donors will kindly leave them at the above mentioned place, anytime during next week. Almost any article will bring some price, and "money a mickle makes a mickle," so please help the work along by your contributions.

MANCHESTER UNITY WON.

Defeated the I. O. O. F. Cribbage Team at Six Tables.

In last evening's league cribbage game the Manchester Unity team defeated the I. O. O. F. team at six tables to two. The result by tables was as follows: Oliver and Parker, M. U., defeated Goals and Rennie, I. O. O. F.; Joll and Williams, M. U., defeated Wiley and Smith, I. O. O. F.; Bessett and Graham, I. O. O. F.; Burns and Linalam, M. U., defeated Smith and Malden, I. O. O. F.; Smith and Halvosa, M. U., defeated Forsythe and Beck, I. O. O. F.; Marriani and Besagrie, M. U., defeated Nichols and Cowie, I. O. O. F.

Bobbins and Blygh, I. O. O. F., defeated Allen and Rowe, M. U.; Small and Webster, I. O. O. F., defeated Keefe and McKenzie, M. U.

Manchester Unity and Foresters of America play Monday, December 4th. The standing of the cribbage league to date is as follows:

Played	Won	Lost	Pct.
C. G.	32	21	.656
C. O. F.	32	20	.625
I. O. O. F.	25	13	.620
R. M.	32	13	.609
M. U.	25	15	.400
F. of A.	32	12	.375

TO SWANTON FOR BURIAL.

Body of Andrew B. Laviolette Was Taken Today.

The funeral of the late Andrew B. Laviolette was held at 7 o'clock this morning from St. Monica's church, Rev. Father McKenna officiating. The church was well filled with relatives and friends. The pall bearers were Robert Ramsey, Luther C. Beck, Elmer E. Perry, John Parson, Frank Odgers and H. W. Scott of Hiawatha Lodge, I. O. O. F.

The remains were taken on the 8:35 train to Swanton for burial. Among the many beautiful floral tributes were a pillow, Mrs. Laviolette; pillow, Dr. and Mrs. Webster Laviolette; crown, friends; bouquet, Rebekahs; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood; bouquets, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bus, Mrs. Ingraham and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Caylus, Fred Butterfield, Mrs. G. B. Durkee, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Callaghan and Mr. and Mrs. James Ahern.

PROPOSE TO FIX
THEATRE LIGENSE

Special Meeting of City Council Last Night Favors Two-Dollar Tax for Each Day's Performance.

A special meeting of the city council was held last evening, at which the committee on legislation and the city attorney reported favorably on the proposed city ordinance fixing theatre license fees. The ordinance fixes the fee at \$2 for each day's performance.

It was voted that the chairman of the committee on legislation be directed to introduce a resolution calling for a revision of the city ordinances.

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